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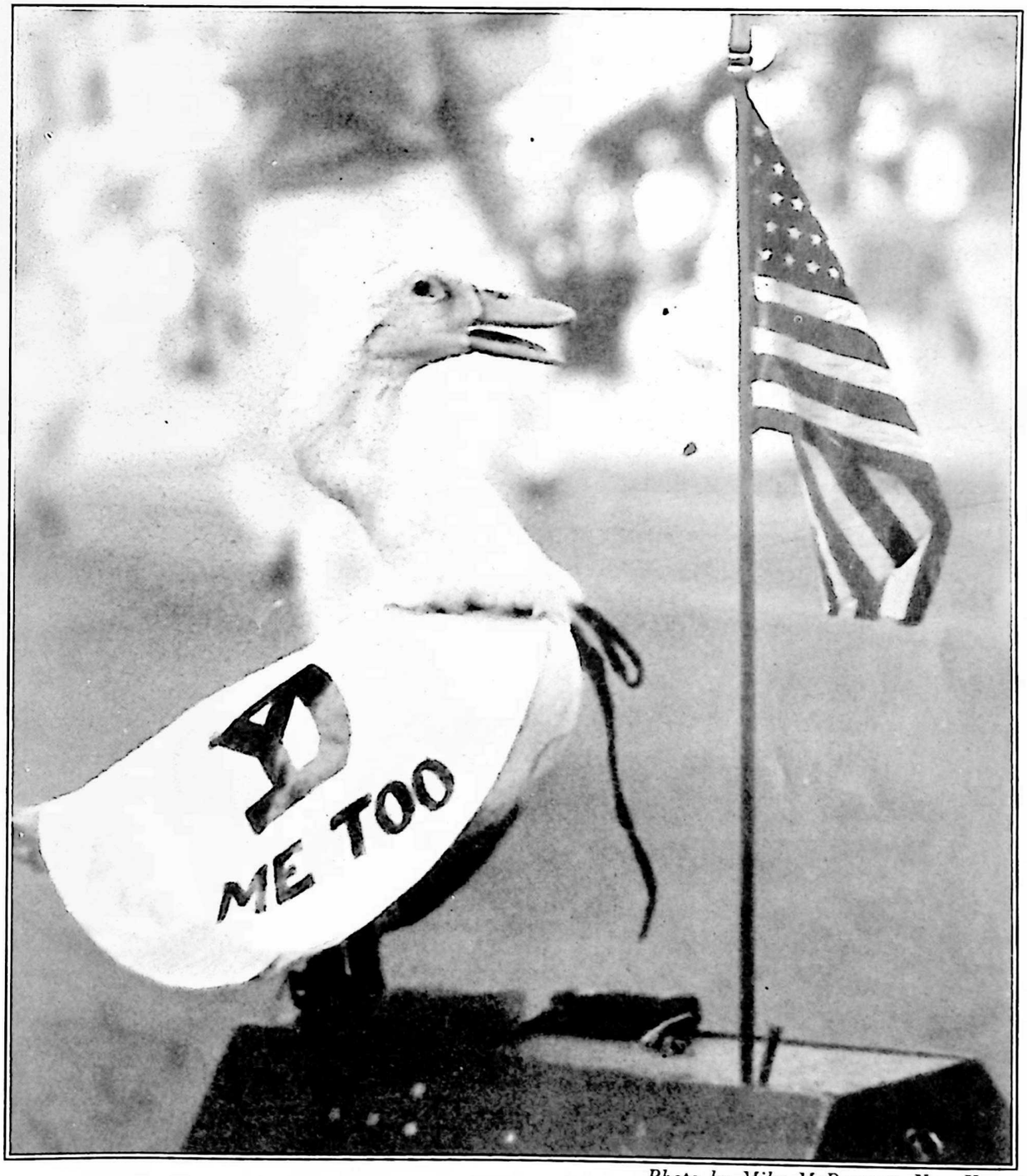

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OFFICIAL CALL FOR NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION

To All Active Members and Life Members of the YD Veterans Association:

In accordance with Section 3 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, which provides that notice of each Annual Convention shall be published in the issue of YANKEE DOINGS next preceding date of said Convention; *notice is hereby given that:*

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Yankee Division Veterans Association will be held in the city of Providence, R. I., on May 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1938.

The Convention will be called to order at 2:00 P.M., E.D.S.T., on Thursday, May 19, in the Grand Ball Room of the Biltmore Hotel in the above mentioned city, at which time due consideration will be given to all business which may rightfully come before the legislative body of the Association.

Each and every active member whose dues for the current year shall have been received up to the opening of the Convention session shall be entitled to a voice from the floor, and to one vote on any question, if in attendance.

In accordance with a requirement of the Constitution, proposed amendments to said Constitution which are to be placed before the body for its action, are published in this issue of YANKEE DOINGS.

— A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE,
National President.

PHILIP N. SANBORN,
National Secretary.

REPORT OF NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In giving the report of the Nominating Committee, YANKEE DOINGS chooses to publish not just the cut-and-dried selections for the various offices to be filled by vote of the Providence Convention, but to tell a little bit about what went on behind closed doors. After all, the Association belongs to its members, there is nothing secret about any meeting of any committee, be it Executive Committee, Nominating Committee or any other. The members are entitled to know every word that was said, and with that object in view, the secretary for the committee made a most complete record of all motions, suggestions and even the discussion which took place. This report is too long to publish here, but if the Convention wants to hear it, word for word, and so votes, it will be read.

First of all, let it be clearly understood that the Nominating Committee, appointed by the National Executive Committee has full power and sole power to make nominations for every office to be filled. It can, if it wishes make more than one nomination for one office. No nominating committee has ever done so, but nothing in the Constitution prohibits it. Secondly, it should be understood that in its selection for the Nat. Vice Presidents of the seven Departments, it is bound to be guided by the selection made in advance within the Department itself. It is not obliged to follow such selection, but it has always done so. Thirdly, the selection of candidates by the Nominating Committee does not prevent any other member running for office. The requirements are made extremely lenient; only 20 signatures need be obtained out of an organization which numbers — at the present moment — nearly 1500. These 20 signatures must however be submitted. Nominations from the floor are strictly out of order under the Constitution.

It was the opinion of the men who wrote the original Constitution, and of those who have revised it from time to time, that the Nominating Committee system, coupled with the lenient opportunity provided for others to run in opposition, makes for better administration than nominations from the floor in the heat and emotion of a convention session.

In what follows DOINGS first gives the actual nominations made. This is followed by a discussion of how the choices were arrived at, and a brief resume of the qualifications of the nominees.

The Nominating Committee met, at the call of the Chairman, Past National President ALBERT W. HERMAN, at Nat. Hdqtrs. in the YD Memorial Clubhouse in Boston, on Easter Sunday afternoon, April 17. Six of the seven members were present as follows:

Dep't. of Maine: J. FRED SHAW (Lewiston Chapter).

Dep't. of N. H.: Dr. FORREST J. DRURY (Manchester Chapter).

Dep't. of Mass.: JOHN T. SULLIVAN (Lynn Chapter).

Dep't. of R. I.: WILLIAM J. LALLY (Prov. Chapter).

Dep't. of Conn.: P.N.P. ALBERT W. HERMAN (Norwalk Chapter), Chairman of Committee.

Dep't. of U. S.: JOSEPH C. MCGLONE (New York Chapter).

The Vermont member, JOHN H. STRONG of Bellows Falls Chapter was prevented by illness from attending, but telephoned the committee while in session and presented the name of Vermont's candidate for Nat. V.P.

The Committee appointed PHILIP N. SANBORN to act as non-voting Secretary for the committee.

Following is a list of nominations made:

For

National President: EDGAR F. MILLER (Capt., Supply Co. 102 Inf.) Hartford, Conn, Chapter.

National Chaplain: Rev. THOMAS F. TEMPLE (Chap., 101 Tr. Hq.) New York City Chapter.

National Judge Advocate: HAROLD J. SMITH (Sgt., 101st F. Sig. Bn.) Boston Chapter.

National Treasurer: L. H. REDFIELD (1st Sgt., F Co., 101st Engrs) Boston Chapter.

National Service Officer: FRANK W. COPPINGER (E Co., 101st Engrs.) Boston Chapter.

National Historian: LAURENCE H. COOK (Hq. Co., 102nd Inf.) Providence, R. I. Chapter.

National Americanism Officer: HARRY W. BUGBEE (Sup. Co., 104th Inf.) Member-at-Large, Highgate Center, Vt.

National Sgt.-at-Arms: No nomination made, for reasons explained below.

National V.P. for Me.: RAYMOND O. TORREY (M. G. Co., 103rd Inf.) Member-at-Large, Bangor, Me.

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THE RACE IS ON – MAY THE BETTER MAN WIN!

It is the part of YANKEE DOINGS to report the news of the YD Veterans Association. It is not the part of YANKEE DOINGS to take sides.

Elsewhere you have read — or will read — the report of the Nominating Committee for the National Officers who have been nominated to lead the Association during the coming year.

This year, for the first time in its history, the Assocation faces a contest for the position of National President. Ballots will be printed and distributed. May the better man (if there *is* a better man) win!

In the report of the Nominating Committee will be found the nomination for National President of EDGAR F. MILLER of Hartford. DOINGS hereby publishes the nomination papers of CLYDE O. ELLIOTT of Worcester. Under the Constitution, any member who files his nomination, accompanied by the signatures of 20 or more members, at least 7 days before the Convention opens, is a candidate for election.

The following members of the Yankee Division Veterans Association submit the name of Massachusetts Department President CLYDE O. ELLIOTT, in nomination for the office of National President, YD Veterans Association:

EDWIN J. NOYES, Worcester, Mass.; CHARLES D. WEBSTER, Worcester, Mass.; GEORGE C. LYONS, Springfield, Mass.; ROLAND M. COOK, Worcester, Mass.; ERNEST E. O'BRIEN, Milford, Mass.; WILLIAM H. GORDON, Haverhill, Mass.; LEROY E. CODDING, Keene, N. H.; NILS O. OLSSON, Keene, N. H.; EUGENE DUGAS, Manchester, N. H.; J. H. GRIMES, Keene, N. H.

EARLE L. WILLIAMS, Nashua, N. H.; LEON TARBELL, Manchester, N. H.; ANTHONY GUARINO, Triangle Chapter, N. H.; STILLMAN F. GRAVES, Triangle Chapter, N. H.; GREGOIRE LOUPIS, Triangle Chapter, N. H.; MAURICE P. GAVIN, Manchester, N. H.; THEODORE ABARE, Keene, N. H.; WILLIAM L. BROOKS, Manchester, N. H.; JOHN E. BLIDBERG, Manchester, N. H.

GEORGE TAAFE, Keene, N. H.; ALPHONSE LESSARD, Marlborough, Mass.; HARRY E. SHERMAN; Marlborough, Mass.; MICHAEL E. CAVANAUGH, Marlborough, Mass.; LOUIS P. LACROIX, Marlborough, Mass.; LEONARD DOMIGNE, Marlborough, Mass.; JOHN L. SHERMAN, Marlborough, Mass.; PAUL HADLEY, Marlborough, Mass.; MILFORD W. HAMELIN, Marlborough, Mass.

ROBERT J. STANDLEY, Beverly, Mass.; CARLTON R. HOSLEY, Beverly, Mass.; EARLE GRANT, Beverly, Mass.; GEORGE A. BRIGHT, Beverly, Mass.; FREDERICK W. HAMMOND, Beverly, Mass.; HAROLD F. HEALD, Beverly, Mass.; AUGUSTUS H. CREESY, Beverly, Mass.; GARDNER H. PICKETT, Beverly, Mass.; MALCOLM B. FRASER, Beverly, Mass.; AUSTIN B. ANDREWS, Beverly, Mass.; BENJAMIN E. RUNNALS, Beverly, Mass.; GORDON C. COOLE, Beverly, Mass.

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HOLMAN C. STANCHFIELD, Lynn, Mass.; ROBERT E. NEWMAN, Lynn, Mass.; ROLAND S. STANDLEY, Beverly, Mass.; WILLIAM B. CAMPBELL, Beverly, Mass.; CARROLL T. MCMENON, Beverly, Mass.; FRANK L. SMITH, Beverly, Mass.; JOSEPH H. METCALFE, Beverly, Mass.; WALTER N. SMITH, Lynn, Mass.; WILLIAM H. DAVIS, Beverly, Mass.; EARL M. BAILEY, Lynn, Mass.

YANKEE DOINGS regrets to report that out of the above 60 signatures, only 39 were members in good standing at the time this issue went to press. However, since 20 are enough, and since many of the remaining 21 will undoubtedly renew their membership before May 12, the final date for independent nominations, no distinction is made here, to save embarrassment to the members in arrears.

However, every man must have a paid-up membership card to vote in the election at Providence.

SEE

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NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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National V.P. for N. H.: EUGENE DUGAS (Pvt., A Co., 103rd Inf.) Manchester, N. H. Chapter.

National V.P. for Vt.: ABIEL M. SMITH (Pvt., E Batt., 103rd F.A.) Washington County Chapter. *

National V.P. for Mass.: EDWIN J. NOYES (Corp., C Co., 104th Inf.) Worcester, Mass. Chapter.

National V.P. for R. I.: HOWARD W. HUNT (Corp., 104th Amb. Co.) Providence, R. I. Chapter.

National V.P. for Conn.: RAYMOND B. KINCAID (Corp., C Co., 102nd M.G. Bn.) Bristol, Conn. Chapter.

National V.P. for U. S.: PETER SADY (Pvt., G Co., 104th Inf.) Detroit, Mich. Chapter.

Three additional members-at-large of National Executive Committee:

JOHN T. SULLIVAN (Sgt., B Co., 101st Inf.) Lynn, Mass. Chapter.

ROBERT R. REYBURN (Med. Det., 102nd Inf.) Bridgeport, Conn. Chapter.

GEORGE K. MITCHELL (Pvt., 104th Amb. Co.) Southern California Chapter.

* Has declined nomination.

The only two nominees upon whose selection any amount of discussion took place were: (1) The National President; (2) the National Judge Advocate.

SULLIVAN of Mass. placed in nomination for National President the name of CLYDE O. ELLIOTT of Worcester, President this year of the Dep't. of Mass. This nomination was not seconded. HERMAN, relinquishing the Chair to MCGLONE placed in nomination the name of EDGAR F. MILLER. This was seconded by LALLY. In a discussion which followed, it was the expressed opinion of a majority of the committee members that both men should be nominated, and the Convention allowed to make the choice. SULLIVAN again placed the name of ELLIOTT in nomination. A "second" to the nomination was called for, but none was given. On motion of DRURY, seconded by HERMAN, nominations were closed and the Secretary instructed to cast one ballot for MILLER.

On the question of Judge Advocate, LALLY, representing Rhode Island stated that that state wished to relinquish this office this year and preferred that it go to some other state. Many names were discussed, and in view of the fact that only one was nominated, DOINGS feels it may save some embarrassment to the others if their names are not mentioned here. The choice fell upon HAROLD J. SMITH of Boston.

The Nat. V.P.'s for the Departments of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut were the choice of the Departments themselves, and no question was raised by the Nominating Committee. The Nat. V.P. for Maine was recommended by SHAW, the one for Vermont by STRONG. The National V.P. for the Dep't of the United States was picked from Detroit Chapter, it being senior of the Chapters outside of New England which has not had this office, with the exception of Los Angeles, where it was felt a National V.P. would be too far away to be of useful service to the Association as a whole.

Now as to the qualifications of the candidates. This article is already too long, so the discussion will be confined to a few only.

ED MILLER was the principal organizer of Hartford Chapter, its first President, and has been one of the leading figures throughout that state in organizing the chapters of the Y.D.V.A. as well as conducting many successful activities in his own Chapter. It was believed by many that he could have been Department President during the past year, but stepped aside in favor of JOE CUNNINGHAM. In civil life he is an insurance man.

It wouldn't be fair at this point not to mention the qualifications of Ed's opponent, CLYDE ELLIOTT. As President of Worcester Chapter, and this year as President of the Dep't. of Massachusetts, he has been a tireless worker for the Y.D.V.A., travelling all over New England at considerable expense in time and money to himself.

L. H. REDFIELD for another term as Treasurer was "a natural." No other man was even mentioned. A treasurer that can show a black ink balance these days doesn't need much further recommendation.

HAROLD SMITH, the choice for Judge Advocate is a Past President of the YD Club of Boston, one of its organizers in fact, way back in the dim dark ages. He has been the guardian angel of the Club in legal matters ever since; is a prominent attorney and Assistant District Attorney of Norfolk County.

FRANK W. COPPINGER, the choice for Service Officer, is a contact representative in the U. S. Veterans Administration at Boston. He knows the game. His chief delight is in helping fellows who don't understand the ropes in connection

with compensation claims or hospitalization and treatment. He has promised if elected to offer the advice of his professional experience in building up service work among the local chapters as well as handling personally all cases sent to his attention.

The Reverend THOMAS F. TEMPLE is a Catholic priest who served in the army as an enlisted man. JOE MCGLONE recommended him as the highest type of man for the job.

No candidate was chosen for Sgt.-at-Arms, because of the likelihood that the amendment making that office an appointive one will be ratified. In the event that it is not, a vacancy will exist. Vacancies are filled by the Nat. Executive Committee, which will be guided in its action by the recommendation of the new President, the Sgt.-at-Arms being in effect his aide-de-camp.

JUST A FEW DAYS TO WAIT (AND ALL SUMMER TO RECOVER!)

In spite of the fact that YANKEE DOINGS has been publishing the news ever since last summer, that this year's Annual Convention is in May rather than June, fellows still drop into the YD Club in Boston — one within the past few days — and express all manner of astonishment at the fact.

"Let's see," says one gent just the other day, "the Convention will be coming along soon, won't it. It's almost the first of May, and June will soon be here."

"June, my eye," we replied, "it starts on May 19th."

"May"? he shouted, "What's the idea? It's always been in June, hasn't it?"

Which only shows how much some guys read DOINGS. We'll have to admit one slip-up though. The March issue didn't mention the Convention date. But the February issue did, and the April issue did, and several further back than that. And by gum, we're going to give it again.

THE DATES ARE MAY 19, 20, 21 and 22.

What the program for the four days will consist of, was told thoroughly in the April number. It is a honey of a set-up and all it needs is your attendance in big numbers to go down as the best Convention ever. Times are tough, there's no getting away from that; and probably a lot of men who went to Worcester bonus year haven't the shekels in the old jeans to make it this year. But unless you're sick or busted, don't let any other reason keep you away. We're not looking forward to breaking all attendance records. But we do expect to break all enjoyment records and still stay in the black. The Convention plans are geared to that objective and money is being spent with that aim in view; not to provide for twice as many as can reasonably be expected to be there, but to give the best sort of good time to those who do go.

Registration is now $2.50. But look what you get for your money. The air raid, horribles parade, all-star show which alone will cost the public $1.65 per person, grand military ball, which alone will cost an outsider $1.00 or $1.25; not to mention the thrill of Saturday's military parade, of reunion dinners with your old outfit, and all the rest of the antics and fun of a convention of our own old YD.

Every state in New England will be represented with YD Chapters in the parade behind their own colors. Your reporter has travelled around a lot during April; to points in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York City. President RAY DOUCETTE has covered these points and has also been to Connecticut and Washington, D. C. Everywhere the story is the same: they're going to Providence to the Convention. Some chapters will only have a few; others will have a big delegation, but they're all going to be represented. From other parts of the country come reports that at least one or two men will be there to die for deah old Chicago or Detroit or Cleveland or whatnot.

The YD veteran division of the parade will of necessity be organized by geographical districts, the seven Departments of the Association and the component chapters in those departments. But the reunion dinners on Saturday evening will be along old regimental and battalion lines, where old stories can be swapped and old friends greeted with extended hand (or bended elbow). If *your* outfit hasn't planned a get-together, hop to it. The reunion dinner of regiment, battalion or company or battery is one of the happiest memories of any convention.

Just a few words as to the business of the

Convention. It seems probable now that the active paid-up membership of the Association will exceed 2500 by Convention time. Each one of these members is entitled to a voice and a vote. This is the only time in the course of the year when the membership has a chance to speak its mind; the rest of the year affairs are run by the National Executive Committee under the Constitution and the mandates of the Convention. If things are being run so much to your satisfaction that you'd rather spend the time in hotel room or on street corner re-uniting, O. K. A Convention is a time to enjoy yourself your own way, and no one is going to stand-bag you into a hall to listen to a lot of speeches if you don't want to. But there *are* important reports to be rendered; important matters to be voted upon, important amendments to the Constitution to be ratified or rejected; an important election of the officers who are to be at the helm during the coming year. All these matters are up to you. So, to make your Association a better association, give a few serious hours to the business in hand.

Attendance at business meetings will be limited to paid-up members. The first session will be on Thursday afternoon. It will consist of preliminary reports, introduction of guests, etc. But the report of the Treasurer and of the President will, we assure you, be well worth listening to. The actual business of the Convention: where we shall go next year, the amendments, the election, and any and all matters which may be brought up from the floor, will get under way Friday morning. If the attendance is slim, a recess may be called until afternoon before the election is actually held. This decision will rest with the Chair. All meetings will be held in the ball room of the Biltmore, and we won't have to chase to the other end of town to be on hand.

Under "Report of the Nominating Committee" you will find further information.

Perhaps some readers are still wondering why the Convention is a month earlier this year. There is no secret about it. At the time the plans were made, it was expected to receive a large slice of the coin of the realm from the Narragansett Racing Association, and in return it was agreed to hold the Convention during the spring racing meet. Then the whole R. I. racing situation blew wide open as you all read in the newspapers, with the result that the spring meet was cancelled altogether. Meanwhile Convention plans had advanced too far to be changed. And, as the fella says, there we were.

But come down to Providence for a swell time. We'll be seeing you.

SPECIAL CONVENTION, Y. D. V. A.

A Special Convention of the YD Veterans Association, called by the National President in accordance with authority vested in him by Section 2 of Article VIII of the Constitution, notice of which was published in the March issue of YANKEE DOINGS, was held in the YD Club of Boston on Thursday, April 21, for the purpose of adopting an amendment to the Constitution, as stated in the call for the Convention.

The Convention was called to order by Past National President Benjamin James at 9:30 P. M., with approximately 80 paid-up members of the Association present. The National Secretary read the proposed amendment, and on motion of Galligan, seconded by Appleby, it was unanimously adopted.

The Amendment is:

Section 1 of Article VIII of the present Constitution is hereby amended by the deletion, in lines 4 and 5, of the words "during the month of June"; and by the deletion in the second sentence of said Section of the word "exact"; so that the entire amended section now reads:

Article VIII
NATIONAL CONVENTION

Section 1. The legislative body of the Yankee Division Veterans Association shall be the National Convention, one such Convention to be known as the Annual Convention, to be held annually, the place of such Annual Convention to be fixed by the preceding Annual Convention, or in the event only of its failure to do so, by the National Executive Committee. The date and duration of the Annual Convention to be fixed by the National Executive Committee.

WHAT PRICE GLORY ?

National President Ray Doucette's travels since last issue of DOINGS: Brattleboro, Vt., Haverhill, Mass., Manchester, N. H., Rutland, Vt., Worcester, Mass., Waterbury, Conn., Providence, R. I., Beverly, Mass., Boston, Mass., New Bedford, Mass., Washington, D. C., Springfield, Mass. Have we forgotten any?

If ever the Y.D.V.A. has had an officer who has worked his heart out for the Association, Ray is that man!

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION, Y. D. V. A.

In accordance with Article XVIII of the Constitution of the YD Veterans Association, the following announcement is hereby made a part of the official call for the Nineteenth Annual Convention, to be held in Providence, R. I., on May 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1938.

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution will be presented to the legislative body for its action.

1. *Proposed* by the National Executive Committee: That the words "a National Sergeant-at-Arms" shall be deleted from Section 1 of Article XI of the present Constitution; and further proposed: that a sentence be added to Section 1 of Article XI, to read, "The National President (or National Commander) shall appoint a National Sergeant-at-Arms for the duration of his own term of office unless sooner removed by him." (N.B. The choice of the word "President" or "Commander" in this amendment, if adopted, shall depend on whether or not proposed Amendment No. 2 shall be adopted.)

2. *Proposed* by the Department of Massachusetts: That in all instances in the present Constitution where the word President appears, the word Commander shall be substituted therefor; and that in all instances where the word or words Vice President appear, the words Vice Commander be substituted therefor, with the single exception of any reference made to Past National Presidents, in which case or cases, this amendment shall cause such section to read "Past National Presidents or Past National Commanders."

3. *Proposed* by Worcester, Massachusetts Chapter and by Detroit, Michigan Chapter: That Article 2 of Section VII of the present Constitution shall be amended by the deletion of the words "in foreign service" in lines 5 and 6 of said section; and further by the addition of the following sentence to Section 2 of Article VII: "The application for active membership in the Association of any man whose service in the Yankee Division did not include overseas service, shall be approved by the National Executive Committee before such membership shall be granted."

In accordance with Article XVIII of the Constitution, any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting to be declared adopted.

— A. Raymond Doucette,
National President.

Philip N. Sanborn,
National Secretary.

Ed. Note: An explanation of these proposed amendments was given in the April issue of YANKEE DOINGS.

MEMBERSHIP

The latest report on membership which YANKEE DOINGS is able to give this month is as of April 22. This issue is going to press early in order to come out well before the Convention. By the time you are reading the figures given below, they'll be all out of date. However, for what it is worth, the membership standing on April 22 is given here, alongside the total membership of last year.

Membership Standing — April 22, 1938

	Total last year	Up to date this year
Dep't. of Maine:		
Augusta	14	0
Farmington	26	22
Lewiston	50	29
Portland	56	6
Skowhegan	16	0
Waterville	9	0
At Large	44	8
Total	215	65
Dep't. of New Hampshire:		
Concord	20	1
Keene	32	5
Manchester	45	48
Nashua	28	23
Triangle Chapter	20	10
At Large	23	7
Total	168	94
Dep't. of Vermont:		
Bellows Falls	14	0
Brattleboro	0	21
Burlington	15	3
Montpelier-Barre	20	25

Rutland	22	12
Springfield	12	1
At Large	14	7
Total	97	69
Dep't. of Massachusetts:		
Attleboro	5	0
Beverly	0	24
Boston	586	244
Brockton	25	5
Clinton	16	1
Danvers	26	10
Fitchburg	37	19
Haverhill	68	13
Holyoke	37	3
Lawrence	26	1
Lowell	82	13
Lynn	154	72
Marlborough	42	1
Milford	35	2
New Bedford	64	19
Northampton	14	2
Salem	38	5
Springfield	69	21
Webster-Dudley	22	1
Worcester	185	64
At Large	94	30
Total	1625	550
Dep't. of Rhode Island:		
Pawtucket	0	34
Providence	140	56
At Large	0	0
Total	140	90
Dep't. of Connecticut:		
Bridgeport	38	17
Bristol	70	16
Hartford	230	114
Manchester	28	27
Meriden	45	12
Middletown	22	1
New Britain	36	8
New Haven	155	82
Norwalk	40	21
Stamford	59	17
Terryville	19	20
Torrington	0	7
Valley	38	10
Wallingford	14	1
Waterbury	43	10
Willimantic	40	37
Winsted	13	0
At Large	25	4
Total	915	404
Dep't. of the United States:		
Chicago	38	3
Cleveland	39	22
Denver	15	10
Detroit	28	16
Los Angeles	25	8
New York	207	92
St. Louis	16	1
Washington	40	7
At Large	129	52
Total	537	211
Grand Total Exclusive of Life Members	3697	1483

Hats off to the three Chapters which in three weeks of the new year, have already beaten their last year's "high"!

Manchester, N. H.
Montpelier-Barre, Vt.
Terryville, Conn.

Honorable mention to the dozen or more others that are coming right along.

Mild applause to those which are holding up to the average of the country as a whole.

A bronx cheer for some of the others.

It isn't so bad when three weeks into the new year sees 32% of last year's membership signed up. But it isn't so good either. It's spotty, some places are plugging their heads off, others need a shot of T.N.T. Git a-goin'!

Remember, this is written as of April 22. We can't tell you what the figure will be on Convention Day. Shoot 'em in boys, let's pass the 2500 mark at least by May 19.

LATE FLASH! Total Membership May 3 — 1705.

LAST MINUTE FLASHES — PROVIDENCE

It's almost here! What's almost here? The Convention of course.

Have you the dates: May 19, 20, 21 and 22.

Many obstacles have been in our path, but we've surmounted them all.

Prizes for the Horribles Parade have been scaled down; only a few chapters have filed blanks. There's been time enough, goodness knows.

Some of the features of the three hour All-Star Show Saturday night: The Overseas Quartet with old songs; the winning band of the parade; Miss Ellen Knox — "Miss YD" — an accomplished pianist and soloist; the Gene Jackson Troupe; the Roberts Sisters; Miley and Hagen; the Four Whirlwinds; Irene Davis;

Three Sailors; a front line of twelve pretty girls with song revues. Free to those who have registered.

Judging of bands and drum corps in route of parade. No one to know where judges are stationed. Substantial prizes. Bring along your home town's pride.

If you haven't registered in advance, come anyway. Come and support the YD, it's your organization, you belong to it and it deserves your support. Come down for one day, two days, three days or best of all, for all four.

We'll be seeing you in Providence — the biggest and best Convention ever — in the City Beautiful.

— Howard W. Hunt,
Executive Secretary.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REUNION 104TH INFANTRY VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The Nineteenth Annual Reunion of the 104th Infantry was held in Springfield, Mass. on April 22, 23 and 24. Headquarters were at the Hotel Charles, and registration was the largest in years, going almost to the 600 mark.

Company banquets were held on Friday evening at the various hotels and restaurants, and were well attended. Some of these are reported in more detail under the "Flickers of the 104th" in this issue.

General B. Frank Cheatham, former Colonel of the regiment, was present from his home in Virginia.

All but the most urgent business at the Friday morning session of the Executive Committee was postponed until the business meeting on Saturday. Nominations for Regimental Officers were made, and at the business session on Saturday, were elected without opposition. These are: Honorary Commander, Gen. B. Frank Cheatham; Commander, George McKenna; Senior Vice Commander, Edward C. Maley; Junior Vice Commander, Harold F. Barry; Chaplain, The Reverend George S. L. Connor; Treasurer, Gen. Edmund J. Slate. Perpetual Adjutant Larry Wagner occupies an appointive office, and will carry on in his usual efficient way.

The Medical Detachment won the prize for largest percentage of advance registration. The street parade on Saturday was a most colorful one, with between 25 and 30 drum and bugle corps; a battalion of the Massachusetts National Guard, and Posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars leading the veterans of the regiment who turned out in good numbers. The parade doubled back after going the length of Main Street, and most of the plodders stuck it out to the end.

The show on Saturday evening played to a packed house and was enjoyed by all.

The outstanding event of the three days' convention was the rededication of the Westfield monument upon its new site which has been lately completed. The exercises opened promptly at 2:00 P. M. on Sunday with a brief address by Gen. William C. Hayes, the first Colonel of the regiment. Past Commander Harold Woodruff was master of ceremonies; Chaplain George S. L. Connor offered prayer. A volley was fired by the present National Guard under command of Mike Ladouceur, now a lieutenant of the Holyoke company.

The members of the Association marched to the foot of the mound upon which the monument stands, and each laid a carnation at the foot of the memorial. The speakers were Hon. Horace T. Cahill, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives; State Senator Olander of Northampton; Councillor Collins; Chairman Costello of the County Commissioners; F. Briere, French Consul from Boston; Congressman Treadway; A. C. Bennett, retiring Commander of the Association; and Mayor Cowing of Westfield. Adjutant Larry Wagner presented a new stone marker to Mrs. Knox in memory of her father who donated the land to the Association.

— H. G. W.

THIS NUMBER

Readers of YANKEE DOINGS will find this issue the smallest in number of pages they have received in a long time. There are several reasons. First, this issue follows the April number by a shorter interval of time than usual — is published a week early so as to reach all readers before they leave home for the Providence Convention. Second, as complete an advance story of the Convention as it is possible to give was printed in the April number. There is little to be added now until it is all over and the story can be told of what *did* take place rather than what is *going to* take place. This was

printed in the April number rather than in May so that members would have plenty of advance notice of the big time in store instead of only three or four days' notice. And third, the April number was an expensive one, with 44 pages and six half-tone cuts; the June number will be a big one with a complete story of all that went on in Providence; this May number gives a chance to even out the expense sheet by being somewhat smaller.

If you are one of the unfortunates who will not be in Providence, DOINGS will try to tell you as much about it as possible in the June issue. But it won't be like being there, so try your durndest to make it if you can.

HARTFORD IN 1939 ?

The boys from Hartford are going out after the 1939 YD Convention and it looks from this distance as if there'd be no stopping them. As a preliminary they've set the goal of coming to Providence with 100% of last year's membership back in the fold, and as many new ones as they can pick up. They've made a swell start, and as this is written, on April 23, are again in second place to Boston, the position they occupied during all of the year which ended on March 31. On one day recently they passed over the head of New Haven and New York City, sending in 75 memberships in one mail! Meanwhile New York, New Haven, Lynn and Worcester, the other big four just grit their teeth and say, "We'll show 'em."

However, we're starting to talk membership, which belongs under another heading. What we set out to say is that Hartford should be one of the swellest convention cities in New England, and the YD certainly has one of its very livliest, biggest and best Chapters there to put such a convention over.

TO HELP THE FELLOW WHO'S UP AGAINST IT

One of the brightest ideas to be brought forward lately is being advocated by Nat. President Ray Doucette at every chapter meeting which he has addressed lately (and he's addressed a few! since the last DOINGS was printed).

That is, that each Chapter occasionally run some little event — a card party, a raffle, a dance, whatever they choose, make a few dollars — not necessarily a large amount, perhaps only ten or fifteen dollars, and use the proceeds to pay the dues of the fellows in their community who have been members but have been overtaken by "old man recession" and can't quite make both ends meet.

Thus their membership will rise, and not only that, but these very fellows will lend a hand to make the next affair even more successful.

There is no need of a fellow doing without membership if he really wants to be a member. Any Chapter should be ashamed to have such a fellow in their community. It doesn't take much effort to raise enough to pay his dues, and the chances are ten to one he'll more than make up for it in the work he'll do to get in other members and help in a dozen other ways.

Of course, precautions should and will be taken against the chronic chiseler; the man who never pays for anything if someone else will pay it for him, regardless of how good a job he has. Yeah, we've got some like that, no sense in shutting our eyes to it. But for one of his type, the YD has a score of the other kind, who have families to support, poor jobs or no jobs at all, but who'd give their eye to be a member. Give 'em a hand; that's what we exist for.

DINNER TO COL. HARRY BISSELL

Several hundred of Col. Harry Bissell's friends tendered him a dinner and get-together at Manchester, Conn., recently. The Manchester YD Club, with Bill Allen as chairman, did a swell job. Some of those at the guest table are shown here, left to right they are: Col. Stanley Tracy, Capt. Neils I. Poulsen, George Dowen, Mayor David Chambers, Art McCann, Col. J. H. Parker, Wm. Allen, Major Tom Bannigan, Past Nat'l Pres. Len Maloney, Capt. Jack Pentland. The Colonel is seated.

IF YOU DON'T SEE IT HERE

If you sent something in and don't see it here, it arrived too late. The absolute deadline on copy was April 30, so you would receive this issue early. Sorry to cut anybody off; but it had to be done.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM HERE AND THERE

General COLE states that, in reference to the Massachusetts Military Reservation at North Falmouth, which was mentioned last month, it is not true that only Massachusetts men have been honored by having various roads, parade grounds, etc., named in their memory, but that any outstanding officer or man of the old Yankee Division is entitled to be thus honored. He also stated that GEORGE DILBOY, one of the two Congressional Medal of Honor men of the Yankee Division, whose name was not mentioned last month, has his name affixed to a thoroughfare in the camp. General COLE took issue with the statement that DILBOY was not a Massachusetts man, and he is right. He was a Somerville boy, but was in Keene, N. H. at his time of enlistment and enlisted in the regiment which became the 103rd Infantry.

The following letter has been received from "Uncle Dick" PETERS, the YD's only nonogenarian (look it up!) He writes: "Have been ill. Can't see what I write. I thank you for your generous letter. My regards to all the boys. Have been blind for a month."

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED M. E. MEYEROWITZ of Newark, N. J. on the birth of Myrna Carol on April 5.

Honors were accorded a real outstanding hero of the World War, the late Sergeant JOHN DICKERMAN formerly of Hq. Co., 104th Infantry on Sunday, April 10; when practically the whole population of his home city of Somerville, Mass. turned out en masse to witness one of the largest street parades ever seen in that community, ending at the new industrial school on Cross Street which was dedicated the John A. Dickerman School by former Brigade Commander, Gen. CHARLES H. COLE. The arrangements were under the auspices of George Dilboy Post, V.F.W., of which DICKERMAN was a Past Commander, and included units from all veteran organizations in the city and many from outside; many civic and junior groups and musical organizations; and representatives of the YD Veterans Association, the YD Club of Boston and the 104th Infantry Veterans Association. Representing the Y.D.V.A. in the absence of the National President who was in Connecticut, was the National Secretary. The YD Club of Boston was represented by a uniformed color detail, by its President TED WILSON, and approximately 50 men in line; the 104th Infantry Veterans Association by many from around Boston, and by Vice President ED MALEY of Springfield.

The annual Anniversary Mass for the late Father WILLIAM J. FARRELL was held in St. Bernard's Church, West Newton, on Tuesday, April 26, under the auspices of the combined veterans organizations of Newton: Eugene Joseph Daley, Jr. Post of the V.F.W.; Chaplain William J. Farrell Post of the D.A.V.; and Newton Post, No. 48, The American Legion. Many of the YD's countless admirers of deal old Father Bill thronged the church to capacity to do his memory reverence.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

Once more YANKEE DOINGS is going to take the chance of bringing down upon its head the wrath of the multitudes by combining the Chapter news of each Department this month, instead of listing each Chapter by itself. This will not be a permanent policy, and has been adopted this month principally because so little time has elapsed between the April number and this one that not much Chapter news has been sent in anyway.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

FARMINGTON: Farmington Chapter has recently met, within a dollar or two, its quota in the Y.D.V.A. drive for $3000.00 Treasurer DAN ADAMS sending in a check for $17.50. Membership renewals are coming in well.

Thirteen members attended a meeting on Sunday, March 20, at REX PARSON's house, and decided to run a beano party on April 18. This was such a success that not only was the quota for the Y.D.V.A. reached (and remitted), but also to make some money for the Chapter's own treasury. Pres. BILL LOVE is making efforts to

interest men in surrounding towns in joining the Chapter.

On April 25, after a fine steak dinner in The Coffee Shop, the following officers were elected, and installed by Dep't. President FRED SHAW, assisted by BILL ROACH of Lewiston Chapter: President, GILBERT MILLER; 1st V.P., B. CARROLL ROUNDS; 2nd V.P., HERBERT H. FOSTER; Secretary, REX W. PARSONS; Treasurer, DAN T. ADAMS; Chaplain, CHARLES WALKER; Sgt.-at-Arms, ELLSWORTH BARRY; Trustees, Dr. GEORGE L. PRATT; LEWIS A. MCINTIRE. In addition to SHAW and ROACH, several other visitors were present from Lewiston.

It was voted to assess 25c annual chapter dues, and to run two beano parties during the coming year.

LEWISTON: Membership renewing at a good rate. A number of the boys expect to attend the Providence Convention.

PORTLAND: Col. BOWEN of Bangor struck the key-note of the evening on April 6, at the Testimonial Banquet to Col. FRANK M. HUME, by Andrews Post, A. L., when he said: "It took an act of Congress to make him an officer, but nature made him a gentleman." The 103rd's "Grand Old Man" was presented with a stand of colors; and a feature of the evening was a trooping of the colors of the military organizations of the city. Over 400 attended, many coming from distant points in the state and from other states.

We hear by grapevine that ROBERT WEYMOUTH (F Co., 103rd Inf.) is the new Post Commander of the Joseph Babineau Post, V.F.W., of Dover-Foxcroft.

Many thanks to the "Drone" for advising us where HARNISH was. We missed him, also thanks to JOHN DUNLAP for the compliment. We may not know all but we see all. If you are in Portland come in and see us.

Who is the Mona Lisa in the Shock Troop, Page 7 of April DOINGS.

We are glad to see BOB FERULLO back again. He has not been in the best of health but is now on the road to good health. Take it easy, Bob.

— MINNIE-LA-TOUR.

AUGUSTA (Kennebec County Chapter): An undated clipping forwarded by FRED SHAW of Lewiston, announces the election of the following new officers of Kennebec County Chapter: President, MAURICE BRISK; Secretary, HOWARD POTTER; Treasurer, DONALD METCALF; Executive Committee, Col. MALCOLM L. STODDARD, Chairman; HERBERT GRAY, and ROSCOE WEEKS. A committee headed by BERT COGAN served a buffet lunch. It was decided to hold meetings the first Friday of each month except July and August, rotating between Augusta, Gardiner and Hallowell.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATE MEETING: A meeting of the Department of New Hampshire is scheduled to be held in Keene, on Sunday, April 24. If news of what takes place reaches DOINGS before the dead line, it will be appended here. The move to hold the meeting in Keene is an excellent one, and will do much to re-vivify the Chapter there.

KEENE: On the way back from a visit to Rutland, Vt., your Nat. President and Secretary stopped at Bullard & Shedd's to have a chat with CHARLIE LEAHY, original spark-plug of Keene Chapter. Charlie promises solemnly to get back into harness again, and that together with the state meeting mentioned above augurs well for a bigger and better chapter in Keene.

MANCHESTER: Manchester is just about the prize package of the Y.D.V.A. at the present writing. With a total of 45 members for all of last year, it has already reached 48 in the first three weeks of this year, and President GENE DUGAS has pledged 100 by Convention time. Knowing Gene, and the support he is receiving, we're betting he'll make it. Gene is to be the next Department President, and a better one would be hard to find. On Wednesday evening, April 13, the Chapter was host to the National President and National Secretary at a round-up of nearly 100 YD men — some members, some not — everybody welcome. 16 new members and 6 re-ups were turned over then and there by JACK TAYLOR, of Derry, a trustee of the Chapter. Dep't. President EARLE WILLIAMS also addressed the meeting, likewise Senatorial candidate ELIOT A. CARTER of Nashua. It was a dandy gathering, the largest and most enthusiastic your reporter has seen in many years' trips to Manchester.

TRIANGLE CHAPTER: Watch for these boys from up where the Dartmouth Indian whoops at the Convention in Providence. They're coming, and they're coming in uniform. Quite a delegation of 'em appeared at Rutland, Vt., on

April 14, which proves they've got the roving habit — a habit which is of greatest help to the Y.D.V.A. — to see fellows from other places at their meetings.

NASHUA: Membership renewals quite good. No definite news of local happenings, but we'll see a Nashua delegation in Providence.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

BRATTLEBORO: National President RAY DOUCETTE installed the officers of the newly organized Brattleboro, Vermont Chapter on the evening of Friday, April 8; and the story of RAY's expedition is about the biggest part of the saga. We've forgotten who he said went with him; one or two of the fellows from Lynn Chapter. They left at 4:15 in a drizzling half-rain, half-snow, which turned into a he-man blizzard before they reached Brattleboro at 10:30 that night. With the old YD courage, they nevertheless started back, arriving in Lynn at 6:30 the next morning. If a President like that doesn't deserve even more than a pindlin' gold medal, then what?

The officers whose names appeared in last month's DOINGS were duly installed, and RAY reports lots of enthusiasm and a bright future for Brattleboro Chapter. Incidentally one of the members, NICK SCHULTZE, a father of five kiddoes, ran in the B.A.A. marathon on April 19. We looked to see his position among the finishers, but didn't find it. He always has finished though, last year in 27th place.

Among out-of-town visitors present were Dep't. President ART SMITH from Springfield, Vt., Dr. J. H. GRIMES, the new President of Keene, N. H. Chapter, and JOHN STRONG of Bellows Falls. President RAY DOUCETTE imparted words of wisdom to us infants, and we are looking for about 15 more members before Convention time.

RUTLAND: About all the rest of the Vermont news of the month can be placed under Rutland, as the meeting there on April 14 found representatives of every Chapter except Burlington on hand. JOE ABAIR, President, and ABE SMITH, V.P. of Washington County Chapter, up Montpelier way, with one or two comrades were on hand; Springfield was represented by Dep't. President ART SMITH and others; Bellows Falls by JOHN STRONG and others; and of course Rutland was on deck full strength. The occasion was the annual visit of the National President and National Secretary, who enjoyed a swell chicken-pie dinner, and responded with what they hope was a minimum of speaking. As a guest of honor, the Chapter also listened to a fine address by Col. Leonard F. Wing of the 172nd Infantry. LES HORTON, TONY GUARINO, and STILLMAN GRAVES came across the river from Triangle Chapter, and all in all it was quite a get-together — one of the pleasantest meetings in a long time. It was promised that each Vermont Chapter will be represented in the parade at Providence, if possible with their own colors. The meeting was presided over by ART FOOTE, President, who, with the same officers as last year, was installed for a second term by the Nat. President.

Rutland Chapter lists among its accomplishments of the past year:

1. It has never asked anyone for a cent, yet ends up with $97.00 in the till.
2. It has placed a wreath on the monument to General Edwards on Memorial Day and Armistice Day.
3. It has oversubscribed its quota in the Y.D.V.A. drive for funds.
4. It has been instrumental in forming chapters in Burlington, Montpelier, Springfield, Bellows Falls, and Brattleboro.
5. It has purchased a Chapter flag, and 35 men marched behind it as a unit on Armistice Day.
6. It has donated to the Salvation Army.

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER (Montpelier-Barre): A variety dance was held in the Community Hall, Montpelier, April 22. April 8, election of officers was held. JOE ABAIR was reelected as President, ABE SMITH as Vice President. RALPH LAWLESS will be Secretary and RICHARD W. JEROME Treasurer. Hon. Mason Stone, former Lieut. Governor of Vermont and Commissioner of Education was guest speaker. Washington County Chapter is up in the honors list, with more members already than it had last year altogether, and money in the bank.

The dance held on Friday night, April 22 was another success and we came out in the black — not as much dough as last time, but on the right side anyway. ABE SMITH's and my own YD uniforms arrived just in time, and all the other boys had the YD berets. The Sec. for Military Affairs represented Governor Aiken, and the

Mayors of both Montpelier and Barre were present. The Governor's representative gave a fine address on the engagement at Seicheprey which made a big hit. — J. G. A.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

STATE MEETING: The State Department meeting, scheduled for New Bedford on May 1, comes just too late to make this issue which has to close on April 30 to be out on time.

BEVERLY: Installation of officers and charter presentation to the new Chapter in Beverly was held on Thursday, April 28, in Grand Army Hall, Beverly. As this is written, April 28 hasn't arrived yet. If DOINGS receives an account of the ceremonies by the 30th, it will be printed here. The editor doubts seriously that he can be his own reporter for reasons stated last month. The work at the office is enormous these days, not to mention a hurried trip to New York which just precedes this meeting.

BOSTON: The YD Club of Boston has jumped into an early lead in membership, having 244 paid-up members as this is written on April 23. This is slightly behind one year ago the same date.

A packed hall greeted Captain Edmands, an officer in G-2 Section (Army Intelligence) on the staff of First Army Corps Headquarters, who was the guest speaker at the regular smoker on April 21. And their hunch that he was going to be good was well borne out. He delivers one of the most fascinating addresses on the work of the Army Intelligence Section imaginable, and frosted the cake by answering questions from the floor for nearly an hour afterwards. Score one bull's-eye for TED WILSON's first smoker as President of the Club. About 38 men took the occasion to pay their dues. A funny one happened in drawing the membership prize. About the only possible number that couldn't pay anyone was the number first shaken out: 000! As the cards start with No. 1, no one had number 000; so another number was shaken, and the winner, FRANK DOLAN, being present, took home the $40.00. Starts back at $10.00 again next month.

A recent visitor to the Club was BILL AVERY (101st Supply Train) of Merchantville, N. J. His tales of travel in the Pacific and the Far East as foreign representative of a radio corporation sounded like a tale by Floyd Gibbons. Flying the Pacific, he was unable to land in China. Among his places of call were Hawaii, the Philippines, Samoa, Indo-China, India, Ethiopia, and places we've never even heard of. Among his experiences were flying for 24 hours trying to side-step a monsoon, being ill with "broken-bones" fever aboard a vessel that had no doctor.

BROCKTON: Two meetings have been held by Brockton Chapter, one at HENRY BEAUDREAU's house, the other, on April 29, at President ROY LATHAM's. Secretary HIGGINS' report is meagre, but there's life in the old dog yet, and a membership drive is being organized.

DANVERS: On April 6, Danvers Chapter re-elected the same officers for the coming year. These are: President, HAROLD B. WILLIAMS; 1st Vice President, GILBERT CASS; 2nd Vice President, EDWARD BATES; Chaplain, HARVEY BISHOP; Treasurer, ERNEST FOSSA; Secretary, CHARLES DAVIS; Sgt.-at-Arms, JAMES POWERS; Director, CARL EATON.

HAVERHILL: A joint installation of the officers of Haverhill Chapter, Y.D.V.A., and its newly formed Ladies' Auxiliary was held in G.A.R. Hall, on a night described in the dispatch sent to YANKEE DOINGS as "last night." O.K. boys, don't date the clippings, we've never mentioned it. National President RAY DOUCETTE, assisted by JOHNNY SULLIVAN installed the officers of both groups. The officers of the Chapter: President, JOHN B. DWYER; Sr. V.P., HARRY PLUFF; Jr. V.P., FRANK PINGREE; Chaplain, JOHN R. BOOTH; Sgt.-at-Arms, MARTIN GOYETTE; Secretary, LEO A. MURPHY; Treasurer, WILLIAM F. MCCORMIC; Historian, JOHN D. COMEAU; Trustees, WILLIAM GORDON, ROY A. WIGHTMAN, and JOHN CROSS.

The officers of the Auxiliary: President, Mrs. John B. Dwyer; Sr. V.P., Mrs. Josephine McCormic; Jr. V.P., Mrs. Lerah Wightman; Secretary, Mrs. Olive Gordon; Chaplain, Mrs. Pearl Pingree; Treasurer, Mrs. Anna Pluff; Historian, Mrs. Bertha Welch; Guard, Miss Mary Elizabeth Pluff; Musician, Mrs. Pearl Murphy; Trustees, Mrs. Edith Neuman and Mrs. Hazel Odiorne.

Members of Lynn, Salem, Beverly and Danvers Chapters attended as guests; also representatives of every veteran organization in Haverhill. RALPH MERRITT of Lynn showed motion pictures of the YD in France, and also the return to this country in 1919.

NORTHAMPTON: Of late this Chapter has been constipated. Could get only eight or nine out

to monthly meetings, but at the I Co., 104th Inf. reunion, told of elsewhere, got a couple signed up, and interest was shown by others who will come in later. Election of officers next meeting; that should help. Northampton should have a chapter that clicks.

— "Rookie" Powers.

New Bedford: The newly elected officers of New Bedford Chapter were installed by Department President Clyde Elliott on April 6. Incidentally Clyde had himself a fine clam-bake, which it is reported he enjoyed to the utmost. The names of the new officers were printed in the April issue, and with one exception are the same ones who have held office during the past year. President Bill Dresner, in sending an account of the installation, enclosed a newspaper clipping which told the whole story. We remember seeing it, but now that we come to look it up for YANKEE DOINGS, we've lost the darn thing. But knowing New Bedford's style of doing things, it is safe to say the ceremonies were done up brown and everybody had a grand time.

Springfield: The Bridge Dedication in Springfield on May 8, comes too late to be reported in this issue. The 104th Convention on April 22, 23 and 24 will be found elsewhere.

Plenty of social activities planned for the coming year; the first being the Gen. Edwards Bridge dedication on May 8. Tom Crokan deserves most of the credit for this. Expect to have a big delegation at Providence.

Milford: Milford Chapter is to hold its Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers on Saturday evening, May 7; too late for an account to be printed here. Assembly is to be at the Armory, the dinner and ceremonies at North Pond.

Lowell: We held our regular monthly meeting April 25, and it was attended by the usual number of about twelve. Not very encouraging but we did not have any special entertainment to draw a crowd.

We are planning on having a smoker on May 4th, and we hope to make some money. The tickets seem to be going well which leads us to believe the affair will be a success.

A delegation is planning to attend the Beverly installation and I may see you there.

— Quincy B. Park.

Marlborough: The following new officers were installed on April 27 by Dep't. President Clyde Elliott: President, Milford Hamelin; First V.P., Alphonse Lessard; Second V.P., Leonard Domigne; Secretary, David St. Lawrence; Treasurer, Louis Lacroix; Sgt.-at-Arms, Frank Whitman; Chaplain, Alfred Dufault; Trustees, Harry Sherman, Arthur Bergeron, and John McDermott.

Dep't. Pres. Elliott gave a fine talk on the good of the Y.D.V.A., and of his campaign for National President. A resolution of regret was passed on the death of Mitchell H. Lord, father of Ralph Lord, on April 25.

Lynn: Installation of officers will be held on May 17, with the National President as installing officer. Installation committee: Royal Thomas, Chm.; Carl Ruddock, Carl Witham, Gustave Johnson, Willis Harvey, and Howard Smith.

On April 26, monthly smoker; feature movie and talk on "Finger Printing and Crime" by Sgt. Toiken of Mass. State Police, a veteran of the 104th Infantry.

Worcester: Ray Doucette says that the dinner dance held on April 18 was one of the best ever, and adds, "Thanks, Mike and Harry."

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Providence: Providence Chapter took time out from their convention activities and held their regular April meeting on Thursday evening April 14th. Seventy-two members of the chapter were present and nine guests, one of the largest ever.

The nominating committee submitted a slate of Officers to be elected at the May meeting. It was a short snappy meeting as the entertainment committee had provided something of interest to the boys.

After the business meeting the members adjourned to the anti-room for a real, spicy girl show. Whoopee and how! Ask some of the members about it.

Seicheprey Day

The annual Seicheprey Day celebration was held this year on April 20th at Del's Paradise, Pawtucket, R. I. The affair this year was attended by a smaller number than usual, due mostly to business conditions in this area. How-

ever, all those who did attend enjoyed the full course turkey dinner with all the fixings. The entertainment provided by the management was heartily received by those present. Attractive door prizes were won by about 15 of the members present. National President A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE of Lynn, was present and gave the boys a swell talk.

Before proceeding to Del's Paradise for the celebration, appropriate memorial exercises were held at the Warld War Monument in Post Office Square in Providence, R. I.

PAWTUCKET (Apremont Chapter): These fellows in Pawtucket have started off with a determination to accomplish things. They have entered the Horribles Parade at the Convention and promise plenty of real fun and action. All who attend the meetings of Apremont Chapter better fortify themselves with the official YD Beret as it will cost ten cents if you appear without one. Hats off to this new chapter.

Company and Regimental Reunions

Several outfits have already reserved a room to be used as a Company headquarters during the Convention. These rooms are all sample rooms, (no beds) and are located on the first and second floors of the Providence Biltmore Hotel. When you arrive at the Convention inquire at the information desk for the room number of your outfit. Also look around the balcony railing of the Biltmore, you may see a placard announcing company headquarters.

The following organizations have definitely made plans to hold a reunion during the Convention and have already engaged suitable spots to hold the dinner and get to-gether:

Hq. Co. 103rd F.A.; 103rd Infantry, Regimental; 104th Ambulance Co.; Co. C. 103rd M.G. Bn.; Bat. A. 103rd F.A.; Hq. Troop; Bat. C. 103rd F.A.; Co. D. 101st Engineers; 102nd Infantry, Regimental; Bat. A. 101st F.A.; Hq. Co. 102nd F.A.; Co. A. 103rd M.G. Bn.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

STATE MEETING: The regular monthly state meeting was held in Terryville on Sunday, April 10, with State President JOE CUNNINGHAM presiding, Nat. Treas. LEA REDFIELD present, and many distinguished guests from nearby cities and towns in attendance. The new officers of Marshall Donald Leach Chapter were installed by Past National President AL HERMAN. (See Terryville, below.)

HARTFORD: Hartford marches on, and there's no fooling about it. Membership is rolling in. Over 150 members attended the April meeting. JOHNNY RIDDELL is general chairman of the membership committee with DONALD FORBES, WILSON FALLS and HARRY ROBERTSON as co-chairman.

The election of officers was reported in the April issue. Also that Hartford voted to go after the 1939 Convention. Installation will be held on May 2. Other items of interest at the April meeting:

BILL GANEY was on hand and talked about "the Auxiliary." Someone suggested BILL's absence from the last two or three meetings might have been due to a honeymoon. ED O'MEARA, now with the Social Security office at New London, was present, also machine gunners ART TILTON and ART JOHNSON. JIMMY YACAVONE has his smock all pressed up for that date in Providence. RAY KINCAID, Department-presidential nominee gave a fine pep talk. Motion pictures of the Yangtse patrol in Shanghai and Peiping were shown by Sgt. Dubois, reserve officer. Regular meetings are held the first Monday of the month at the State Armory. Come up and get some of "BUSH" HEDGES' coffee and PROCCACINO's bologna.

BRIDGEPORT: The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, JIMMY MORRELL; Sr. V.P., GEER; Jr. V.P., SAM MARCUS; Secretary, "DICK" BARLOW; Treasurer, JOHN T. ELLIANO; Chaplain, BOB REYBURN; Historian, WYNCOOP; Sgt.-at-Arms, HARRINGTON; Custodian, GEIBEL; Trustees, SCHULTZ, Dr. SPRAGUE, MCELROY. After the meeting refreshments were served.

Seicheprey Day will be observed with a dinner at the Hotel Barnum. Meetings are still being held weekly and attendance is good.

BRISTOL: The following officers were elected on April 8: President, WILLIAM SALLADIN; 1st V.P., WILLIAM PRYOR; 2nd V.P., GEORGE NELSON; Secretary, ARTHUR B. NELSON; Treasurer, WILLIAM W. THOMPSON; Chaplain, ROBERT PETERSON; Sgt.-at-Arms, RALPH FOX; Historian, LOREN WHITE; Color Bearers, VINCENZO LABRIOLA and CARL K. CHASE; Trustees, (3yrs.) RAYMOND B. KINCAID; (2 yrs.) HENRY COTE; (1 yr.) ARTHUR B. NELSON.

On the same evening, the Auxiliary held its election. President, Mrs. Julia Thompson; 1st V.P., Mrs. Jessie Fox; 2nd V.P., Miss Margaret Pryor; Treasurer, Mrs. Lillian Peterson; Secretary, Mrs. Olive Nelson; Sgt.-at-Arms, Mrs. Mildred Aliano; Chaplain, Mrs. Helen Fitzgerald; Publicity, Mrs. Gladys Fuller; Guard, Mrs. Ebba Johnson; Trustees, Mrs. Eva Anderson and Mrs.Valeda Salladin; Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Mary Penda. A joint installation was held on Friday, April 15.

NEW BRITAIN: The following officers were elected on April 19: President, GARDNER WELD; 1st V.P., JOHN SUESS; 2nd V.P., ALFORD T. SCHADE; Secretary and Treasurer, ARTHUR BUTCHER; Chaplain, ALFRED GRISWOLD; Trustees, J. F. BERNASCONI, JOSEPH GLOSSUP, and FRED CLOCK. President GARDNER WELD is an ex-mayor of New Britain, a live wire, and the chapter expects to go places under his leadership. Installation is to be held on May 17; and every effort is being made to get a big crowd out to show the new President the boys are pleased at his being chosen to lead them. He is the sort of fellow who hates like hell to see anything that he is the head of fall down and not be a huge success.

MANCHESTER: At the meeting on April 21, it was decided to take along the Band of Dilworth-Cornell Post, A. L., for our escort in Providence. We have no regular uniforms but will march in white ducks, white shirts, gold sash, blue Windsor ties and YD berets. We're also going into the Horribles Parade, costumes secret.

On April 25 we held a joint meeting with Willimantic, on May 2, we are going to meet with them in their town. You will see us together, also probably Meriden at Providence. JEFF BLANCHARD is doing a swell job as a one-man membership committee.

The YD Chapter of Manchester has been officially recognized on the town's permanent Memorial Day Committee. ANDY HOLZHEIMER, JACK PENTLAND, and CLYDE BECKWITH were appointed to represent the chapter. The YD now has representation on all important committees, including the Veterans Association and the Permanent Armistice Day Committee.

NEW HAVEN: JACK WELCH was rewarded for his untiring efforts on behalf of New Haven Chapter by being unanimously chosen chapter president at the last April meeting. JACK has been secretary this past year and turned in a swell job. Senior Vice Pres. LESLIE "Lucky" REYNOLDS was nominated but graciously declined.

Other officers elected unanimously, all as a reward for good work, were: Sr. Vice Pres., JOHN T. DILLON; Jr. Vice Pres., RAY C. COOPER; Secretary, FRED HIRSCH; Treasurer, CHARLES M. GARDNER; Chaplain, WILLIAM CRAMER; Historian, WILBUR "Bud" FISHER; Sgt.-at-Arms, HAROLD THATCHER; Trustees, the retiring President FRANK P. LEE, and LEN MALONEY. Installation will take place on May 14th.

FRANK LEE was given a rising vote of thanks for his two years of fine leadership. FRANK reported that $600 of old bills had been cleared up and there was a balance of $83 in the treasury with no outstanding obligations except the chapter's quota of the national treasurer's recent deficiency campaign. It is hoped to clear that up soon. FRANK reported on a plan to raise funds that is all ready to go. If the idea clicks we hope to soon have a home of our own.

CLIFF CURTISS, of Mountain View, Cal., was a guest at the meeting as were the dynamic duo, "BUCK" ADAMS and WALTER BOARDMAN of Meriden Chapter. There were 67 members at the meeting which was held in the Hull Brewery Rathskeller. That brings 'em out.

ALEX FLYNN reported that the New Haven *Register* was presenting a chapter membership trophy for award at the Providence convention. The President named FRED SABINE, LEN MALONEY, FRED HIRSCH, JACK WELCH and WILLARD BUSHEY as the convention committee for the chapter. Arrangements have been made for a state police convoy for our motor calvacade which will leave New Haven early Friday morning.

The membership race is going along satisfactorily with 85 members signed up or re-upped to date. The drive has been extended to May 14. LEN MALONEY's team reported 18 new members and 36 re-ups. FRED HIRSCH had not completed his bookkeeping but claims to have the same number of points.

HAROLD THATCHER reporting for the Joint Memorial Committee said the Memorial Day parade would be held on May 28th in order to tie it in with the New Haven Tercentenary parade. The chapter voted to participate in simple memorial exercises on the Green on Seicheprey Day, April 20th. At night the members of the post and chapter will join in a get-together at Jo-Jo's Grille (FRANK SALVATORE).

FRED HIRSCH and FRANK SULLIVAN reported to the chapter on the talks given by Comrades

Cook and O'Leary at the last state meeting on the Providence confab.

New members voted in were Capt. Frank E. Wolf, (101st M.G. Bn.), R. H. Clemence, (Co. D, 102nd M.G. Bn.), Irving S. Brown, (103rd Ambulance Co.).

Installation of the new officers is being held at the Sea Cliff Pavilion, Morris Cove, on April 28. If an account of the proceeding reaches DOINGS before the 30th, it will be printed here.

Jack Welch and his staff of new officers of New Haven Chapter were installed in office on April 28 before one of the largest gatherings of the year. The affair was held at Sea Cliff with Past National President Al Herman in charge of the installation. Al was assisted by Henry Woods of Norwalk.

In addition to President Welch, the following were installed: Senior Vice, John T. Dillon; Junior Vice, Ray C. Cooper; Secretary, Fred Hirsch; Treasurer, Charles M. Gardner; Historian, Wilbur "Bud" Fischer; Chaplain, Bill Cramer; Sergeant-at-Arms, Harold Thatcher; Trustees, Len Maloney, and the retiring president, Frank P. Lee.

Frank Lee was presented a handsome well-filled wallet from the chapter with Freddie Hirsch doing the presentation. Frank has a swell record of accomplishment behind him.

The membership was reported as 104 with Len Maloney's Shenanigans credited with 22 new members and 50 re-ups for a total of 94 points. That means that Fred's team must have 34 members signed up. The race ends on May 14th and a real drive is expected during the final two weeks.

Guest speakers were Mayor John W. Murphy, State President Joseph Cunningham and State President-elect Ray Kincaid. New members balloted in were Edward A. Scudder, (Co. C, 102nd Inf.), James Lawler, (Battery E, 103rd F.A.), and Achilles Crohan, (Co. B, 102nd M.G. Bn.).

The gang voted to participate in New Haven's Tercentenary parade on May 28th. Len Maloney, Jim Quinn and Ed Lockhart, three members of the chapter are in charge of the parade with Col. Lockhart the committee chairman and grand marshal.

Al Herman was in exceptionally good form and gave the chapter one of his inspiring pep talks. Joe Cunningham and Ray Kincaid also spoke. Nick "Jo-Jo" Salvatore did an excellent job in handling the refreshments.

A motor calvacade to the Providence shindig is being arranged by Past President Lee who has been promised escorts by both the Nutmeg and Little Rhody state coppers.

Norwalk: First of all, DOINGS' humble apologies to "Old Bill" Adams for not printing verbatim his account of the Norwalk Seicheprey Dinner on April 23. It has "Old Bill's" intimate style, and it's a shame it can't be told as he tells it. But if he — or other Norwalk members— will see the amount of space given other chapters, they'll realize, that swell as the banquet was, Norwalk just can't have a whole page or page and a half. Share and share alike, each according to its number of member-readers, must be DOINGS' motto in allotting space for Chapter news.

The party was held at the Shore Haven Golf Club, and voted by all a much finer place than the locale of previous parties. Past President Sam Polley was chairman of the committee in charge; assisted by Al Herman at the door, Bill Whitney and Henny Woods as a reception committee to break the ice and get everyone into a group with some others; and Tony Carione helping to seat the guests at the tables. Mrs. Sue Herman and Mrs. Anderson with the assistance of their committee made the ladies feel at home. A fried chicken dinner was served to about 125 at 9:00 o'clock.

Speakers were limited to two minutes. Len Maloney actually kept within that limit! Others who spoke, seriously or facetiously (or both) were: Capt. Dan Strickland, "Doc" Bill Keating, Ben Pitman; Chapter President Tony Carione, Jimmy Morrell of Bridgeport, and a number of others. Songs, laughter and fun made the evening one of the merriest ones in the long series of Norwalk Seicheprey Banquets. Victor Knauth of Wilton told of a recent trip through Germany; Mike McDermott of New Haven sang "In the Valley of the Moon," — soon everyone was singing one song after another. A wire was read from Walter Wolt who is in Atlanta, Ga.

To all who did the work of staging this splendid affair, a world of credit is due.

Terryville: The following officers were installed by Past National President Al Herman, on Sunday, April 10, at the state meeting in Terryville. President, Stanley Ploski; 1st V.P., Jerry Rossignol; 2nd V.P., Vincent Govotski; Treasurer, Michael Olie; Secretary, Lawrence Bates; Chaplain, Walter Jones; Sgt.-at-Arms, Stanley Borkowski; Historian, Raymond North; Trustee, Walter Turberg; YD activities, Augustus Lumbard. Refreshments

were served. The committee in charge were: GUS LUMBARD, JERRY ROSSIGNOL, STANLEY PLOSKI, LAWRENCE BATES, and OTTO HARBERT.

WALLINGFORD: We have had several good meetings the past few months but your correspondent has been laid up with flu and pneumonia, spending January in Newington Hospital. On April 26, the following officers were elected: President, ERNEST BORGHI; 1st V.P., ALBERT KILLEN; 2nd V.P., ROBERT BRYSON; Secretary, ROBERT DELEHANTY; Treasurer, ERIK HILLBOM; Historian, RAY CANNON; Chaplain, JOHN TOTH; Sgt.-at-Arms, WILLIAM BRONSARD; Trustees, 1 year, S. POGGIO; 2 years, WILLIAM DEF. BERTINI.

WATERBURY: Waterbury Chapter was host to National President RAY DOUCETTE on Saturday, April 16. Waterbury hasn't sent a report of the occasion, nor the names of the officers, and RAY has been hopping around so much your editor hasn't even seen him since that date. So-o-o-o.

National President RAY DOUCETTE and Mrs. Doucette attended Waterbury's Seicheprey Banquet on the above date.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER (Denver): A meeting was held on April 19, at which plans were made for increasing the membership to its ultimate tops, which, after all, isn't very many out in this neck of the mountains. You'll be hearing from us.

On Tuesday, April 19, four members of the Chapter, and one visitor, kept the torch burning by holding a meeting at the Colorado Restaurant. The members: ALBERT "Rocky" ROCKWELL, ARTHUR VETTER, ORLO CHANDLER, and "Doc" MORRIS. The visitor (who promises to become a member soon): HARRY C. GOEDELMANN (F Co., 102nd Inf.). After dinner an enthusiastic "bull session" was held, Doc MORRIS telling how he and a few others of the "Kaiser's Own" fired a captured German gun out in No Man's Land. All were glad to see OLIE CHANDLER, who has not been able to attend many of the meetings before.

— A. G. V.

CLEVELAND (Ohio Chapter): OKIE O'CONNOR has been elected Vice Commander of Woodhill Post, V.F.W. of Cleveland.

At the meeting on April 10, President FRED FLAHAVAN was accorded a vote of thanks for the hard work he has been doing, after he read a report of the proceeds received from the entertainments run during the past sixty days. A check for the quota of $30.00 was sent to Nat. Hq., Y..D.V.A. as Cleveland's share of the refinancing drive. A committee was appointed to arrange a program for Memorial Day.

DETROIT: Result of election of officers was published in the April issue. The date was March 25, with 16 present and one of the liveliest meetings of the season. President PETE SADY appointed a committee to dig in and do some real work in finding employment for YD men out of a job, a serious situation in Detroit, but one tackled courageously by the YD Chapter. Another problem which is being worked out is to build up a little reserve in the treasury for emergencies, and it is reported that success is anticipated along that line too. No one has yet been discovered who is sure to be in Providence, but we're still hoping.

— D. S.

LOS ANGELES (Southern California Chapter): On Saturday, April 23, members of the 104th Infantry met at JOHN FOX's home for dinner and the evening.

Past National President GEORGE W. TWOMBLY, now a resident of Los Angeles recently installed the new officers of the Chapter. At the regular meeting on April 26, the gavel that MEREDITH brought from Belleau was presented. It is very unusual and beautifully finished. It has a solid gold YD on the front of it and is going to have three gold stripes. We are going to send DOINGS a picture of it and hope you can use it in the magazine. (We'll do our darndest, fellas.)

WASHINGTON: Nat. President RAY DOUCETTE's expedition, accompanied by JOHNNY SULLIVAN of the Lynn Chapter, to Washington, D. C. to install their new officers reads like a saga of adventure. They finally reached the Army and Navy Club, Arlington, Va. at about 10:30 on the evening of April 21, and installed the following officers: President, Capt. EUGENE BURR; 1st V.P., E. REX CLEVELAND; 2nd V.P., PAUL G. "Dusty" RHODES; 3rd V.P., LUTHER E. ELLIS; Secretary, WILLIAM SHARPLES; Treasurer, ALFRED G. BARTRAM; Corresponding Secretary, LEVI ST. PETER. Speechmaking was cut short due to lateness of arrival.

Mrs. Doucette and Mrs. Sullivan accompanied their husbands and the whole quartet are loud in their praises of the reception and hospitality they received. They remained until 5:30 Saturday night, the 23rd, and among the program of entertainment given them by the Washington fellows were: a tour of the "hot spots" (Didn't know Washington had any. — Ed.) conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Dave Herman; a full day Friday including a tour of the city with Sgt. of the Federal Police Joe Jordan; luncheon at the Capitol with Congressmen Larry Connery and Carroll Reece; dinner and evening party with many YD men and wives at Dave Herman's home. Saturday more sightseeing and a ceremony at the grave of General Edwards, where the National President placed a wreath; dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sharples, whom Helen Doucette nicknamed "Sparkles," and off for home at 5:30.

All of the above is a condensed account from Ray's own letter, and he wishes to offer the sincerest thanks of his whole party for the hospitality extended to them: Dave and Mrs. Herman; Joe Jordan, Bill and Mrs. Sharples, Larry Connery and all the rest. He calls his Washington trip his gold medal tour of his year as President.

New York: The first Ladies' Night, held at the Palm Gardens on West 52nd Street, on April 26 proved to be a novelty in the line of entertainment. The Chapter went to considerable expense in securing ancient reels of motion pictures of the Gay Nineties: Charlie Chaplin in "The Fireman," Ben Turpin, "The Great Train Robbery," and others we saw when we were kids in school. Sentimental ballads with voluptuously colored scenic slides on the screen, were sung with gusto by the maids and gents present, notably, "Only a Bird in a Gilded Cage" and "The Man on the Flying Trapeze." Villains were hissed, heroes applauded, and luckless heroines had a tear dropped for their miseries and sufferings. A buffet lunch, dancing to a hill-billy band wound up a swell evening. Many out of town guests were on hand: Len Maloney and Mrs. Maloney from New Haven, Henny Woods and Mrs. Woods, Al Herman and Mrs. Herman and four or five others from Norwalk, Phil Sanborn and Mrs. Sanborn from Boston. All the "old regulars" were on hand with their missusses, but a lot of the "once-in-a-whiles" passed it up — to their own loss be it said.

OUTBURSTS FROM THE OLD OUTFITS

103rd INFANTRY

B BATTERY

Probable Reunion during Legion Convention, June 16-19 at Portsmouth, N. H. All former members please write Fred Draper, Kittery Point, Maine.

FLICKERS FROM THE 104th

(See elsewhere for account of the Nineteenth Annual Reunion.)

C COMPANY

The company was well represented at the reunion, although we did not win the prize for the most advanced registrations, we were up near the top.

The following were at the reunion — Al Bennett, Jim Leigh, Roland Cook, John Hopkins, Wendall Tuttle, Henry and John Anderson, Fred Falk, Harold and George Nute, Granfors, Jim Valentine, Herb Jeffery, Dan and Jack Jones, George Keefe, Bill and Tom Mahoney, Jesse Lima, Merrifield, G. Watts, Carl Fegreaus, Ted Noyes, Fritz Miller, Phil Wood, Scheffer, George Thomson, Al Ohrn, George Cypher, Herb Buss, Ray Leonard, Arthur LeBrack, Percy Butler, Bill Gilliam, Wes Ross, Jim Northridge, Fred Jordan, W. Barnard, Joe Kanusky, Leon Jones, Jud Fish, Frank Baron. There were probably more, but cannot recall them at present.

Joe Kanusky found a horse and wagon as usual, and rode through the parade. It is a mystery where he finds such looking animals and the carts.

The company was well represented at the dedication of the Dickerman School in Somerville on the 10th of April. With AL BENNETT representing the 104th as Commander and his aide, JIM LEIGH down from Worcester. HERB JEFFERY, HENRY WALL, JESSE LIMA, HENRY MERNIN and GUY WATTS.

— H. G. W.

I COMPANY

I Co., 104th Infantry held their 19th Reunion at Hotel Northampton, Northampton, Mass., April 9, 1938.

We hold it on the Saturday nearest the 10th of April in memory of our first battle overseas which occurred at Apremont.

Major T. J. HAMMOND, our war-time leader, presided, as always.

There were 59 present. Methinks that's something of a record to be able to get that many at this late year. Our earlier reunions had a percentage of blottos but each year they grow less and Saturday night there were none. Which is some kind of another record.

Judge HAMMOND was elected Captain of our gang for life and ED BOUTHILETTE his adjutant forever, which adds another unique.

"Hamps" debonair Mayor Feiker on "borrowed time" spoke Americanism. Gailon Hinds tooted taps for the gang out yonder. Our old top-kick LaVallee, now captain, called the Roll and issued no passes.

MIKE CONNORS, a guest from "D" Co. spoke about the coming 104th Reunion in Springfield.

Your scribe talked YD Club, supported by CONNELLY, SLOCOMB, HARVEY TAYLOR and others. "Rube" LENNON sang "Clancy's Wooden Weddin'," for the 19th time.

Milton, at his first reunion, was married in France and happy about it all. Floodie, clean and pure looking and in the money. Capt. Reardon looked back and remembered. Tobin had a story with teeth in it. Francis Dolan up from N. J. late, said he was like the ice man who got a little behind at his first stop. Judge HAMMOND inquired if that was a confession. Dolan pleaded nolo.

Skippy Smith, our old dietitian, mentioned his little black book of uncollected loans, but presumed they were outlawed.

Ernest Tatro, our old cook, was "long distance" from Denver, Colorado.

ED BOUTHILETTE got the boys together and Al Packard collected.

A summer, another winter, then comes our 20th Reunion. — "Rookie" POWERS.

SUPPLY COMPANY

The Supply Company Banquet was held on Friday, April 22, at 8:00 P. M., at the Hotel Bridgeway, Springfield, with 28 members present. Comm. PHILIP MCDONALD of Arlington presided, assisted by Vice Comm. EMERY of Watertown. PHIL HOWE acted as Secretary. The following new officers were elected: Commander, GEORGE HART, Cambridge; Vice Commander, JOHN HANNIGAN of Revere; Secretary, PHIL HOWE.

Capt. H. F. HARTWELL, now Ret. Gen. Hartwell, sent his regrets on account of the illness of his daughter; he has missed but one or two reunions in nineteen years. Sgt. DEAKE was given a rising vote of appreciation for coming all the way from Pennsylvania to attend the reunion. PHIL HOWE read a poem written for the occasion by HARRY BUGBEE of Highgate, Vt., entitled "The Canes of Clemacey." Harry couldn't attend as he intends to go to Providence to the National Convention of the Y.D.V.A., of which he is a National officer. JACK MEFFEN and "Red" LANLOE were on committees, also Top Kick "Youse Guys" ARCHIE MOORE. They all deserved what small praise they got for a swell job — well done.

Just a word about myself. Although I did attend the reunion, I'm not back at work, but writing this from Baker Memorial Hospital. Expect to be out soon and attend the Providence YD Convention. Had a visit this morning from "Doc" DICK MILLER, a 100% YD'er on the staff of the Mass. General Hospital of which this is a part.

Thirty members of the Supply Company paraded. Major GOODHUE was there with his son as a marching companion. That's the old spirit, Major.

— JOHNNY HOLDEN.

101st FIELD ARTILLERY

Pres. SMITH was in Providence the last of April and made plans for a get-together to be held at the Providence-Biltmore Hotel on Saturday evening, May 21, at 7:00 P. M., during the National YD Convention.

I don't know which will reach you first; the copy of YANKEE DOINGS or a post card announcement of the above reunion dinner.

We regret to announce the death of CONRAD KELLEY, formerly of C Battery, who died during April at his home in Brookline.

Owing to a limit placed on space, will not include this time the names of any more comrades whose addresses are missing. Some anonymous friend sent in the address of RAYMOND D. STONE. Thanks to whoever he is.

Try to get to the get-together in Providence.

— BEN JAMES,
Secretary.

103RD FIELD ARTILLERY

At 7:00 p. m. on May 21, the 103rd Infantry will hold a Reunion Dinner at the Port Arthur Restaurant, Providence. This restaurant is right in the heart of the city, and about a quarter of a mile from convention headquarters. They are going to serve a seven-course meal, the main course being roast turkey, and the price is going to be $1.25. During the courses of the dinner, there will be a floor show, and we have been given to understand that a special show is to be brought to this restaurant for the convention. We are not to have the banquet hall, but as soon as I know the exact number of boys who will attend, I will notify the owner of the restaurant, and he will make us up a table, right next to the dance floor, where we can see the full show without looking over anyone else's head.

We cannot get the banquet hall, as we would have to guarantee at least 150 customers for the dinner, therefore, we have turned over the reservation for the banquet hall to the 103rd Artillery. Our group will be in the Main Dining Hall, and I know we will have a good time. If we could have had a guarantee, then we could have had the banquet hall to ourselves.

ED AYOTTE and I are having the tickets printed for the occasion, and during the registration at the Biltmore Hotel, we will be on hand to tackle all 103rd Infantry registrants. In the meantime, we would like to hear from any of the boys who will attend the banquet, so that we may get an idea as to how many to make reservations for. For reservations, the boys can write to EDWARD E. AYOTTE, (Hdqrs. Co.), P.O. Box No. 143, East Greenwich, R. I. and to me at Imm. & Natz. Ser., 204 Old P.O. Bldg., Providence, R. I.

— DAVID A. GOLDBERT,
(G Company).

103RD MACHINE GUN B'N.

C COMPANY

C Company will hold a reunion at Oates Tavern, Douglas Ave., North Providence, on Saturday, May 21, at 6:00 P. M. sharp. Installation of Company officers will take place. A special invitation to all men of the Battalion, whether C Company or not.

The Company has a headquarters room at the Biltmore for the Convention and all members of C Company are invited to make full use of same. — LOUIS F. STEEN.

SIGNAL CORPS SIGNALS

A postoffice has recently been established at San Onofre, Calif., and ROY A. SYLVESTER, besides being the Santa Fe agent, is postmaster.

GEORGE HUDSON and his wife spent a very pleasant vacation with another couple in Florida and Cuba; stopping at all the places worth seeing. A day after their return George broke his left ankle! An old Army trick.

GEORGE BULMER is now with the company that puts out "Wittone" and his headquarters is in Los Angeles.

E. G. "Cootie" WHITE and family had a fine trip from New York to Mexico City and environs last February. They spent several happy days in Taxco at the Hotel Taxqueno, JOHN SUTHERLAND, Mgr.

A couple of weeks ago I learned that some of our boys were living here in Los Angeles, so I got busy. I located PAUL DANDURAND at Manual Arts Sales Corporation and F. C. LOVERING at 128 E. 9th St. WM. L. BURNS had been here, but seems to have "moved, left no address." J. C. "Putt-putt" MCCORD and LEO MAAG are around here and I'll try to find time to locate them.

ERNIE HOULE is still in Worcester, but is now with the Graybar Electric Co.

Who of you are coming to the September Legion Convention? Well, lemme know so I won't get a shock. The business address is 217 E. 17th St., and the 'phone is RIchmond 5541. Los Angeles, you know.

A few days ago I received a letter from RUSS MITCHELL.

— GEORGE W. TWOMBLY.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

The Annual Reunion of the 101st Engineers, under the auspices of the Welfare Association, was held in the Cadet Armory on Saturday, April 9. For the second time in 19 years, your correspondent missed attending (and has he been bawled out for it!) No one else has written anything about what went on, who was there, etc. So, how are we going to write about it?

— P. N. S.

E AND F COMPANIES

The annual jamboree of the War Babies will be held in the Cadet Armory on Saturday, June 11. The Providence Convention sort of cuts in on our regular date which would have been May 21. However, here's hoping we all get together in Providence for a dinner anyhow, and again in Boston on June 11.

F COMPANY

Charlie Gant of Wilmington, Del. recently in Boston on business for a one-day visit, through the good efforts of Lea Redfield was able to meet a few of the boys, and we all had dinner together. Those present in addition to Charlie and Red: Phil Sanborn, Vern Haslund, Al Day, Karl Jackson, Doug MacPherson.

We hope someone up around Charleston, Maine sees this and brings it to the attention of Small — Private Small — was the way he introduced himself when he dropped into the Club one day recently — his first chance to see any of the fellows since the war. And the reason is we want to be sure he knows how damn sorry we were that it just happened to be one of those days when we couldn't — just couldn't — leave the pile of work on the desk to take him around to hunt up some of the other boys. Buck Weaver in particular was one he most wanted to see.

— P. N. S.

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It is with deep regret and the most sincere sympathy to the bereaved parents that the YANKEE DOINGS announces the death of the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Brown, Mary Elizabeth, age sixteen, on April 15, following an illness of about six months of a rare and little understood disease. Bill Brown has been President at different times of both the Y.D.V.A. and the YD Club of Boston.

Thomas G. Kelly, formerly of B Battery, 101st Field Artillery, died on Thursday, April 21, in Brookline, Mass. Funeral services were held from his home, 8 Clark Court, on April 23, with solemn high mass at the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption at 10:00 o'clock.

Ernest W. Stiner, formerly of D Co., 104th Infantry died on Thursday, April 14. Legion services were conducted by YD Post, No. 290, of which he was a member, at the Eaton Funeral Parlors, 1351 Highland Ave., Needham, Mass., on Friday evening, April 15. Funeral services were from the Congregational Church, Needham, on Saturday, April 16.

YANKEE DOINGS is grieved to announce that Martin Holleran, one of the most active members of Manchester, N. H. Chapter lost his wife on February 27, after only four days' illness. With three small children, it was a severe blow. Every one of us offer him the hand of comradeship for what little we can do to help him over such tragic hours as these.

Harry B. Roche, formerly Bandmaster of the 104th Infantry and the 103rd Field Artillery died at the Chelsea (Mass.) Soldiers Home on Friday, April 15. One of the oldest men of the Division, Harry has been in frail health for several years, though within a few weeks before his death he made a final visit to the YD Club of Boston, paid his dues, and flashed a cheerful smile. Funeral services were private, burial was in Arlington National Cemetery.

YANKEE DOINGS has received word of the death on January 1, 1937 of Walter L. Murphy, formerly of Headquarters, 26th Division, of Dorchester, Mass. No other details were furnished.

Notice has also been received of the death of George P. Vennart, formerly of the 102nd and 103rd Ambulance Companies. No date was given.

Major Albert Andrews, formerly Captain of K Co., 103rd Infantry, died during March. Details are very meagre, simply that Farmington Chapter, Y.D.V.A. were notified at their meeting on March 20, that Major Andrews had passed away.

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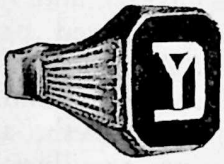

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